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For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIODEGRADABLE,  
FUNCTIONALISED POLYMER PARTICLES, AND USE THEREOF AS  
PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPORTS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the reference listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a to Yuan et al. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Yuan *et al.* describes a histag (six histidine residues) fused to the N-terminus of PHA polymer synthase from *R. eutropha*. The authors made this fusion to aid production and isolation of enzyme for in vitro substrate specificity studies. The recombinant enzyme is said to have the same specific activity whether or not the histag is present. Enzyme with histag present was used for most assays. Enzyme activity was assayed for in vitro using a CoA release assay. Yuan et al does not describe other fusions, particle production, collection of particles or use of particles.

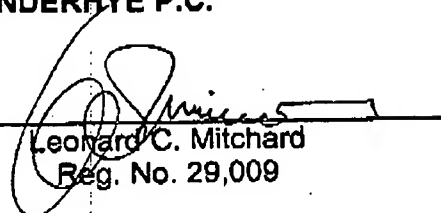
The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO/SB/08a and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached reference to Yuan *et al.* has been considered and made of record.

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